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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BUREAU OF MINES AND MINING

of the

STATE OF INDIANA

January 1, 1965 to December 31, 1965

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Governor

FRED FERGUSON
Director

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SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT

In 1937, the Division of Labor was created and the Mining Department was brought under this Division, and is now known as The Bureau of Mines and Mining.

Our Mine Rescue Station has the necessary equipment to perform mine rescue work and to assist in mine fires. All personnel of the Bureau of Mines are subject to call at all times.

In order to promote safety the best way possible in the Coal Mine Industry, the Indiana Bureau of Mines and Mining joins together with the United Mine Workers of America, The Indiana Coal Operators Association, The Federal Bureau of Mines and The Lynch Reciprocal Coal Operators Association in forming The Indiana Joint Committee For Coal Mine Safety. This committee meets once every month and each coal mine reports on accidents that have occurred during the month and recommendations hoping to prevent such accidents from reoccurring. This committee devotes its entire program in promotion safety in coal mines and sponsors the Indiana State First Aid Contest, which is held annually.

FATALITIES

This part of the Annual Report is usually reserved to list the fatalities that occur in the Deep Shaft Mines. This year of 1965, we had no fatalities and it gives me much pleasure as Director of Mines to make this report.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ACCIDENTS

Year	Tons Produced	No. Employed	Fatalities	Tons Per Fatality	Killed Per 1M
1959	4,645,473	1,977	3	1,548,491	1.56
1960	4,674,128	1,861	3	1,558,042	1.61
1961	4,573,329	1,744	25	182,933	14.33
1962	4,279,900	1,699	6	713,317	3.53
1963	4,143,301	1,374	2	2,071,650	.69
1964	3,525,515	1,008	0	NONE	NONE
1965	2,323,884	859	0	NONE	NONE

MINE INSPECTIONS

The Bureau of Mines and Mining is required to make four (4) Initial Inspections of each coal mine in the State of Indiana per year and as many Spot Inspections as deemed necessary.

ABANDONED MINES

Mine	Company	County	Seam	Date Abandoned
Airline Underground	Peabody Coal Co.	Sullivan	VI	5/28/65
Big Oak	Big Oak Mining Co.	Vermillion	VII	4/7/65
Ditney Hill	Ingle Coal Corp.	Warrick	VI	5/15/65
Frick	Frick Bros. Coal Co.	Dubois	Mariah Hill	4/19/65
Mayfield	Lavern Coal Co.	Sullivan	VI	1965
Meyers Highwall	R and H Coal Co.	Pike	V	5/29/65
R and H	R and H Coal Co.	Pike	V	7/9/65
Stenftenagel	Stenftenagel Coal Co.	Pike	V	12/1965

Indiana's current coal reserves in 17 southwestern counties are enough for the next 10 to 12 centuries at the present recovery rate. The Hoosier Coal Industry contributes about $63 million annually to Indiana's economy. 95% of the state's steam generated electricity comes from coal.

EMPLOYMENT AND TONNAGE TABLE OF DEEP SHAFT COAL MINES OF INDIANA ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965

Mine	Total Production	Average Number of Employees	Average Number of Days Worked
DUBOIS COUNTY			
Frick	1,360	2	20
Total:	1,360	2	20
GIBSON COUNTY			
Kings	526,988	257	184
Somerville	17,868	6	102
Total:	544,856	263	286
GREENE COUNTY			
Richardson	2,376	5	124
Total:	2,376	5	124
KNOX COUNTY			
White Ash	65,717	22	222
Total:	65,717	22	222
PARKE COUNTY			
Minshall	Idle	---	---
Total:	Idle	---	---
PIKE COUNTY			
**Meyers Highwall	NR	NR	NR
R & H	11,300	5	129
Sand Hill	35,738	9	206
Stenftenagel Highwall	1,000	2	25
Total:	48,038	16	360
SULLIVAN COUNTY			
Airline Underground	155,039	36	107
Minnehaha	22,013	22	20
Pandora	21,922	43	50
Red Ember	64,693	13	178
Thunderbird	1,155,576	230	241
Total:	1,419,243	344	596
VERMILLION COUNTY			
Big Oak	2,537	8	36
Black Diamond	6,820	14	101
Total:	9,357	22	137
VIGO COUNTY			
Mt. Pleasant	58,418	16	154
Total:	58,418	16	154

*No Report

EMPLOYMENT AND TONNAGE TABLE OF DEEP SHAFT COAL MINES OF INDIANA ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965—(Continued)

Mine	Total Production	Average Number of Employees	Average Number of Days Worked
	WARRICK COUNTY		
Boon	10,441	8	142
Ditney Hill	134,571	145	75
Houston	12,188	8	244
Purity	17,319	8	174
Total:	174,519	169	635
GRAND TOTALS:	2,323,884	859	2,534

EXAMINATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1965

Place	Date	Mine Boss	No. Pass	Fire Boss	No. Pass	Hoist. Engr.	No. Pass	Shot Firer	No. Pass	Total Passed	Fees Collected
Terre Haute	5/8/65	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	5	$ 29.00
Exams by Request								18	18	18	$ 90.00
Totals:											$119.00

INDIANA MINE DIRECTORY

Company	Address	Mine	Location	Via
		DUBOIS COUNTY		
Frick Coal Co.	Jasper	Frick	Jasper	Truck
		GIBSON COUNTY		
Princeton Mining Co.	Princeton	Kings Station	Princeton	C & E I
Somerville Coal Co.	Somerville	Somerville	Somerville	Truck
		GREENE COUNTY		
Richardson Coal Co.	Linton	Richardson	Linton	Truck
		KNOX COUNTY		
White Ash Coal Co.	Bicknell	White Ash	Wheatland	Truck
		PARKE COUNTY		
Minshall Coal Co.	R.R.#3, Bridgeton Rd. Rockville	Minshall	Rockville	Truck
		PIKE COUNTY		
R & H Coal Co.	R.R.#3, Petersburg	Meyers Highwall	Winslow	Truck
R & H Coal Co.	R.R.#3, Petersburg	R & H	Petersburg	Truck
Sand Hill Coal Co.	R.R.#3, Petersburg	Sand Hill	Petersburg	Truck
Stenftenagel Coal Co.	R.R.#5, Jasper	Stenftenagel Highwall	Winslow	Truck
		SULLIVAN COUNTY		
Peabody Coal Co.	R.R.#1, Linton	Airline Underground	Dugger	Own R.R.
Fairview Collieries	R.R.#3, Sullivan	Minnehaha	Dugger	C M & St. P.
Pandora Coal Co.	Sullivan	Pandora	Sullivan	I. C.
R S & K Mining Co.	R.R.#2, Shelburn	Red Ember	Shelburn	Truck
Thunderbird Collieries	R.R.#1, Farmersburg	Thunderbird	Shelburn	Captive
		VERMILLION COUNTY		
Big Oak Mining Co.	Blanford	Big Oak	Blanford	Truck
Black Diamond Coal Co.	Box 116, Blanford	Black Diamond	Blanford	Truck
		VIGO COUNTY		
Mt. Pleasant Mining Co.	Terre Haute	Mt. Pleasant	Terre Haute	Truck
		WARRICK COUNTY		
Boon Coal Co.	Chandler	Boon	Chandler	Truck
Ingle Coal Corp.	Elberfeld	Ditney Hill	Elberfeld	Big Four
Houston Coal Co.	Boonville	Houston	Boonville	Truck
R & K Mining Co.	Chandler	Purity	Chandler	Truck

BUREAU OF MINES AND MINING GEOLOGICAL TABLE

Company	Mine	Depth (Over-Lying Strata)	Seam and Thickness of Seam	Character of Coal
		DUBOIS COUNTY		
Frick Coal Co.	Frick	65′	Mariah Hill–4′4″	Bituminous
		GIBSON COUNTY		
Princeton Mining Co.	Kings Station	450′	V–6′	Bituminous
Somerville Coal Co.	Somerville	220′	V–7′	Bituminous
		GREENE COUNTY		
Richardson Coal Co.	Richardson	35′	IV–3′2″	Bituminous
		KNOX COUNTY		
White Ash Coal Co.	White Ash	115′	VII–4′6″	Bituminous
		PARKE COUNTY		
Minshall Coal Co.	Minshall	44′ Slope	Semi-Block–4′	Block Coal
		PIKE COUNTY		
R & H Coal Co.	Meyers Highwall	Drift	V–4′2″	Bituminous
R & H Coal Co.	R & H	100′ Slope	V–5′5½″	Bituminous
Sand Hill Coal Co.	Sand Hill	42′ Slope	V–6′	Bituminous
Stenftenagel Coal Co.	Stenftenagel Highwall	NR	NR	
		SULLIVAN COUNTY		
Peabody Coal Co.	Airline Underground	Drift	VI–5′2″	Bituminous
Fairview Collieries	Minnehaha	73′ Slope	VI–6′	Bituminous
Pandora Coal Co.	Pandora	200′	V–4′6″	Bituminous
R S & K Mining Co.	Red Ember	160′	VI–5′8″	Bituminous
Thunderbird Collieries	Thunderbird	220′ Slope	V–5′8″	Bituminous
		VERMILLION COUNTY		
Big Oak Mining Co.	Big Oak	244′ Slope	VII–4′5″	Bituminous
Black Diamond Coal Co.	Black Diamond	160′	V–4′2″	Bituminous
		VIGO COUNTY		
Mt. Pleasant Mining Co.	Mt. Pleasant	120′	V–5′6″	Bituminous
		WARRICK COUNTY		
Boon Coal Co.	Boon	120′	V–6′6″	Bituminous
Ingle Coal Corp.	Ditney Hill	97′ Slope	VI–7′	Bituminous
Houston Coal Co.	Houston #2	90′	V–6′	Bituminous
R & K Mining Co.	Purity	101′	V–5′	Bituminous